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TOWN OFFICERS

Town Clerk and Treasurer,
WARREN J. WRIGHT.

Selectmen,
OSGOOD L. LEACH, FRANK W. KELLOGG,
CHARLES A. PARKER.

School Committee,

LEONARD R. SMITH,	Term Expires	1913
WILLIAM W. COE,	“ “	1914
LEON R. ALEXANDER,	“ “	1915

Library Committee,

ELLIOTT W. BROWN,	Term Expires	1913
NORMAN P. WOOD,	“ “	1913
ARTHUR E. WILSON,	“ “	1914
S. CATHERINE RICHARDSON,	“ “	1914
N. FAY SMITH,	“ “	1915
ROSCOE H. PHILBRICK,	“ “	1915

Librarian,
MRS. C. A. RANDALL.

Cemetery Commissioners,

FREEMAN A. HILLIARD,	Term Expires 1913
C. I. Holton,	" " 1913
GEORGE N. KIDDER,	" " 1914

Constables,

FRED W. DOANE,	F. C. BRITON,
F. H. WATSON.	

Town Accountant,
BENJ. F. FIELD.

Tree Warden,
THOMAS H. HART.

Fence Viewers,

E. E. RUSSELL,	F. W. DOANE,
F. E. HEALD.	

Field Drivers,

GEORGE SLATE,	E. MOTCHMAN,
CLARENCE BUFFUM.	

Pound Keeper,

E. F. HOWARD.

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber,

C. R. NELSON,	C. E. LEACH,
H. A. REED,	LAURENCE QUINLAN,
R. O. LEACH,	H. H. CHAMBERLIN.

Tax Collector,
MERRILL T. MOORE.

Sealer of Weights and Measures,
JOSEPH R. COLTON.

Fire Wardens,
C. H. WEBSTER, GEORGE W. PIPER,
H. C. HOLTON, CHARLES L. GILBERT,
F. W. DOANE.

Registrars of Voters,
JOHN T. CALLAGHAN, FRED A. HOLTON,
FRANK H. MONTAGUE.

Inspectors of Provisions,
F. E. HEALD, F. A. HILLIARD
FRANK HOWE.

Inspector of Animals,
F. E. HEALD,

Forest Fire Warden,
F. W. DOANE.

TOWN WARRANT**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.**

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield
in the County of Franklin.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Northfield, on Monday, the third day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees, or act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, the following to be on one ballot, viz: Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen, one Assessor for three years, one School Committee for three years, two Library Committee for three years, two Cemetery Commissioners, one for two years and one for three years, three Constables, Tree Warden. Also to bring in their ballots, yes or no, in answer to the following question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 4. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year beginning February first, to an amount not

exceeding in the aggregate \$20,000, and to issue a note or notes thereafter payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this note to be paid from the taxes of said municipal year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$75 for Memorial Day exercises, the same to be paid to and expended by G. A. R. Post 171, or act thereon.

ART. 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$150 for the care and improvement of cemeteries, or act thereon.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take in regard to discount, or interest on taxes, or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$624, the amount of interest and final payment on Town Hall debt, or act thereon.

ART. 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$1840, the amount of interest and eleventh bond on the bridge debt, or act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$416, the amount of interest and final payment on East Northfield School House debt, or act thereon.

ART. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$1820, to apply on high school and Memorial hall debt, or act thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$1362, the amount of interest and third payment on Greenfield Savings Institute, or act thereon.

ART. 13. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 14. To determine the salary of the tax collector, or act thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the tree warden in care and preservation of shade trees, or act thereon.

ART. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to employ a school physician, in accordance with Chapter 502, Acts of 1906, or act thereon.

ART. 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the cost of lighting the streets, or act thereon.

ART. 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for street sprinkling, or act thereon.

ART. 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to make permanent repairs on a portion of the road between Clinton A. Ware's and William Merriam's, or act thereon.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to carry over unexpended balances on certain appropriations of 1912, or act thereon.

ART. 21. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to put in a concrete bridge over Webster brook, or act thereon.

ART. 22. To see if the town will instruct its Selectmen to settle for valuable land taken, and damage occasioned by building state road across Great Meadow, in accordance with vote passed at town meeting on April 6th, 1912, or act thereon.

ART. 23. To see if the town will accept of the relaying of Birnam Road according to plans brought in by the Selectmen, or act thereon.

ART. 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to lay a sidewalk on Holton and Moody Streets, or act thereon.

ART. 25. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to put in a drain pipe from culvert near the new house of Dr. R. H. Philbrick on Main Street, or act thereon.

ART. 26. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to paint the town hall, or act thereon.

ART. 27. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase fire extinguishers to be used by fire wardens, or act thereon.

ART. 28. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to pay Dr. Wood the balance due as school physician, or act thereon.

ART. 29. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying extra electric lights on Meadow Street, or act thereon.

ART. 30. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying for extra electric lights on Water Street, or act thereon.

ART. 31. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying for extra electric lights on Glenwood Avenue, or act thereon.

ART. 32. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to purchase safes for school committee and tax collector as required by law, or act thereon.

ART. 33. To see if the Town of Northfield will authorize its Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to allow the Commonwealth to reimburse said Town of Northfield for \$299.39 expended for the care and medical attendance of Caroline Jackson Shantley (Mrs. Ezra Shantley), a non-resident smallpox patient, or act thereon.

ART. 34. To see what action the town will take in regard to the use of the room in the new High School Building, designated as Library, on the plan of the architect, A. W. Holton.

ART. 35. To see if the town will vote to have the valuation and tax list published every year, or act thereon.

ART. 36. To see if the town will vote to elect one Selectman for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and thereafter to elect one every year to

take the place of one whose term expires, or act thereon

ART. 37. To see if the town will elect a committee of five men to consider the needs of the town and recommend appropriations for the coming year, or act thereon.

ART. 38. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for extra electric light on highway from Bridge St. going south to Erving line, or act thereon.

ART. 39. To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of Chap. 635, Acts of 1912, or act thereon.

ART. 40. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for spraying shade trees, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Offices, Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, Northfield Farms, and at the Schoolhouse, District No. 6 in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

OSGOOD L. LEACH,	{	Selectmen
FRANK W. KELLOGG,		of
CHARLES A. PARKER,		Northfield.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We submit herewith the annual report of the town affairs committee for the year 1912.

Since the town adopted the present system of accounting it devolves mostly upon the town accountant to make the report and we think we are very fortunate in having one so well qualified to do it. The following tabulated statements of receipts and disbursements with recapitulations will, in our opinion, make the town's financial standing clear to all.

We would recommend about the same appropriations for the ensuing year as last year.

O. L. LEACH,	}	Selectmen
F. W. KELLOGG,		of
C. A. PARKER,		Northfield.

WORK ON HIGHWAYS.

Albert Whittaker, labor,	\$9 03
Northfield Seminary, labor,	6 37
I. C. Holton, labor,	4 33
Walter Fisher, at Belcher Fountain,	2 50
F. W. Montague, team,	1 00
C. A. Parker, labor and team,	38 43
E. C. Gerrish, labor,	14 28

N. P. Wood, labor,	88
John H. Ross, labor and team,	10 00
C. I. Holton, labor and team,	59 07
E. A. Coughlin, labor,	2 00
M. Coughlin, labor,	2 00
C. A. Parker, labor and team,	39 40
G. W. Piper, labor and team,	57 20
Otis Fisher, labor and team,	8 00
C. Bosworth, labor and team,	18 00
W. C. Fisher, at Belcher Fountain,	90
E. H. Whitcomb, labor,	26 10
J. H. Dalton, labor and team,	60 55
John Dale, labor,	30 00
J. E. Ross, labor and team,	13 50
O. S. Fisher, labor,	15 75
H. Kenney,	6 00
G. Kenney,	6 00
H. Fisher,	2 00
C. Bosworth,	7 00
T. Quinlan, team,	16 10
J. Dale,	8 00
J. H. Dalton, team,	9 00
John Dalton, team,	27 78
A. W. Piper, team,	77 00
J. H. Dalton, team,	14 50
John Dale, team,	8 00
L. W. Pratt, team,	17 25
J. Bump,	9 00
C. I. Holton,	75 85
G. O. Dunnell,	175 63
E. H. Whitcomb,	5 00
O. Fisher,	23 50
Northfield Seminary,	3 00
R. E. Long, team,	55 89

R. E. Long, team,	25 87
M. Coughlin, labor,	2 00
F. H. Whitcomb, labor,	8 88
J. Crehan, labor,	2 00
F. W. Williams, labor and team,	29 20
G. W. Piper, team,	19 00
C. I. Holton, team,	48 50
F. E. Hart, team,	59 07
J. H. Dalton,	23 75
G. W. Piper,	15 00
Otis Fisher,	22 50
Frank Richards,	10 00
G. O. Dunnell,	9 44
H. C. Holton,	36 50
T. Quinlan, team,	14 78
John Dale, labor,	24 00
G. H. Lyman, team,	17 50
G. O. Dunham, labor,	5 25
E. E. Howes,	3 50
E. H. Whitcomb,	7 32
F. A. Adams,	7 05
C. I. Holton, team,	45 50
Clarence Randall,	40 50
C. A. Parker, team,	54 00
John Dale, labor,	5 00
W. W. Merriman, team,	11 00
T. Quinlan,	17 00
Leon Pratt,	14 00
G. O. Dunnell,	75 60
H. Bigelow,	4 00
Mrs. Mary Field, gravel,	7 00
R. E. Long,	50 19
L. M. Davis,	4 00
G. H. Miller,	6 00

C. Bosworth,	10 00
O. I. Fisher,	15 75
W. C. Fisher,	2 39
Larkin Fisher,	3 50
F. E. Hart,	144 27
J. F. Allen,	6 00
E. Whitney,	10 20
F. E. Aldrich,	28 70
D. O'Keefe,	5 55
B. C. Abbott,	6 70
G. Barlow,	2 00
Robbins & Evans,	96
T. H. Hart,	1 00
E. Labelle,	4 50
E. H. Newton,	26 74
F. A. Holton,	14 08
F. W. Williams,	1 15
E. H. Whitcomb,	3 54
F. C. Britton,	39 50
Clapp & Abercrombie, livery,	49 42

\$2,066 49

Planks and Posts.

Barker & Chapin,	\$13 57
T. Quinlan,	77 73
L. W. Pratt,	7 25
Frank Harness,	2 00
C. I. Holton,	3 26
Evans Brothers,	12 10
C. R. Nelson,	10 34
F. E. Aldrich,	9 00

\$135 25

Repairing Tools.

F. W. Wilbur,	\$7 65
J. W. Barber,	1 25
Climax Road Machine Co., scraper,	8 50
A. B. Black Co., scraper,	4 00
F. W. Wilbur, scraper,	13 50
F. I. Webster,	3 00
F. I. Webster,	4 17
E. H. Starkey,	1 50
F. I. Webster,	16 00
G. K. Lyman,	6 00
W. T. Campbell,	2 00
E. R. Spaulding,	8 75
	\$76 32

Highway Fund.

Lane Construction Co.,	\$3,508 50
Lane Construction Co.,	5,812 75
	\$9,301 25

Expense Munn's Ferry.

C. A. Parker,	\$3 00
John Anderson,	5 00
Fred Shantley,	5 00
F. I. Webster,	6 47
G. H. Lyman,	1 00
C. E. Williams,	2 95
F. I. Webster,	4 82
F. Shantley,	5 00
J. M. Anderson,	1 75
Oren Darling,	1 75

C. A. Parker,	19 65
F. I. Webster,	2 41
C. Parker,	10 00
Fred Shantley, ferryman,	90 00
F. C. Britton,	10 00
	\$168 80
Due from town of Gill,	\$84 40

Planking Schell Bridge.

T. Quinlan,	\$454 60
E. Whitcomb,	12 00
Moulchman,	10 80
F. H. Doolittle,	25 83
John Lawson,	13 50
L. A. Bolton,	9 00
W. H. Hammond,	13 67
	\$539 40

Repairing Upper Farms Road.

Frank H. Aldrich,	\$487 50
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Union Hall, Farms,

O. E. Leach,	\$88 32
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Painting Cemetery Fence.

G. N. Kidder,	\$179 20
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Street Sprinkling.

Village Improvement Society,	\$200 00
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Memorial Day.

Henry H. Johnson Post,	\$75 00
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Unpaid Orders.

G. N. Kidder,	\$2 50
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Bonded Debt.

Bennett's Meadow bridge,	\$1,000 00
High School,	1,000 00
E. Northfield School,	400 00
Town Hall,	600 00
Sidewalk,	400 00
Refunding Loan,	1,200 00
	\$4,600 00

Interest Account.

Greenfield Savings Bank,	\$696 34
Franklin Savings Bank,	855 00
Shawmut National Bank,	875 00
	\$2,426 34

Temporary Loans.

Greenfield Savings 1911,	\$6,000 00
Greenfield Savings 1912,	8,000 00
	\$14,000 00

Street Lighting.

Greenfield Electric Co.,	\$1,214 50
Received on account lights, \$52.92.	

State Aid.

Sundry persons,	\$368 00
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Azuba Farm.

J. L. Proctor,	\$150 00
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Slate Road.

Mrs. Sarah Harness,	\$150 00
W. G. Slate,	97 50
	\$247 50

State tax,	\$4,182 06
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County tax,	\$2,497 13
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CONTINGENT.

Selectmen's Account.

F. W. Kellogg,	\$70 00
O. L. Leach,	74 69
S. C. Holton,	73 74
F. W. Kellogg, stationery and traveling,	14 43
F. W. Kellogg, traveling expenses,	6 83
Hobbs Warren Co., license blanks,	45
Northfield Press, envelopes,	1 25
F. W. Kellogg, traveling expenses,	9 23
F. W. Kellogg,	9 22
O. L. Leach,	18 02
	\$277 86

Assessors' Account.

S. C. Holton,	\$32 25
A. W. Bronell, supplies,	11 80
S. C. Holton,	108 75
S. C. Holton, expense,	7 65
C. A. Ware,	106 00
S. L. Tyler,	98 00
C. A. Ware,	14 25
S. C. Holton,	34 85
	\$413 85
Town Accountant,	\$100 00

Town Treasurer and Clerk.

C. T. Bagnall, supplies,	\$15 25
C. T. Bagnall, supplies,	1 50
W. J. Wright, sewer payment,	553 05
	\$569 80

Election and Registration.

F. A. Holton,	\$10 00
H. D. Russell,	2 50
J. T. Callighan,	13 75
J. W. Field,	2 50
H. W. Russell,	2 50
F. E. Aldrich,	2 50
J. W. Field,	2 50
J. W. Field,	2 50
H. W. Russell,	2 50
F. W. Doane,	2 00
J. W. Field,	2 50
H. W. Russell,	2 50
F. E. Aldrich,	7 50
Northfield Press, blanks,	12 00
F. W. Doane,	6 00
R. D. Ware,	10 00
J. T. Cummings,	10 00
F. H. Montague,	15 00
	\$108 75

Police.

F. H. Watson,	\$4 00
F. W. Doane,	8 50
F. W. Doane,	7 00
District Court,	14 96
S. D. Conant, attorney liquor case,	10 00
F. W. Doane,	8 00
F. W. Doane,	6 00
District Court,	29 17
F. W. Doane,	8 00
F. H. Watson,	2 50
F. H. Wallett,	2 50
F. H. Doane,	15 00
District Court,	43 98
F. W. Doane,	8 50
District Court,	5 98
F. H. Watson,	2 00
	\$176 09

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

J. R. Colton,	\$13 04
J. R. Colton, weights, etc.,	27 50
N. W. Keet,	35 75
A. W. Brownell,	1 75
S. F. Bowser & Co.,	2 52
W. & L. E. Gurley,	10 55
	\$91 11

Town Hall Electric Plant.

Cook Electric Co.,	\$553 75
R. D. Kimball & Co., plan,	25 00
Cook, additional lights,	21 00
	\$599 75

Town Hall.

C. E. Williams, gas,	\$10 84
Greenfield Electric Light & Fixtures,	74 35
G. O. Dunnell, coal,	26 20
F. E. Aldrich, wood,	6 25
W. F. Hammond, sawing,	1 00
H. M. Smith, splitting and housing,	2 06
H. W. Mason, repairs,	18 69
C. L. Johnson, furnace,	16 10
H. M. Bristol, plumbing,	43 00
H. W. Mason, locks,	4 00
N. W. Keet,	1 00
F. W. Kellogg, exit signs,	7 50
G. N. Kidder, supplies,	4 20
C. E. Williams, supplies,	1 10
F. W. Watson, janitor,	52 50
H. W. Mason, janitor,	28 00
Fred James, labor,	2 00
	\$298 73

Insurance.

Charles F. Packard,	\$18 30
C. H. Webster,	60 50
	\$78 80

Attorney Fees Defalcation.

C. H. Webster,	\$497 23
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Fire and Fire Wardens.

F. W. Doane,	\$34 40
Northfield Hose Co.,	58 00
C. L. Gilbert,	5 40
	\$97 80

Gypsy Moth.

Northfield Press, circulars,	\$3 00
F. W. Doane,	30 00
Ambert Cummings,	16 00
Henry Desollette,	8 00
Chas. C. Lamson,	25 74
F. L. Proctor,	14 00
Fostine Bigelow,	20 00
Northfield Press, notices,	3 00
Frank H. Ross,	1 20
Ross Brothers, tree trimmers,	2 15
F. W. Doane,	13 75
	\$136 84

Inspection Meat and Provisions.

J. E. Ross,	\$11 75
Frank Heald,	76 90
J. J. Fisher,	7 50
F. A. Hilliard,	5 50
J. E. Ross,	9 00
F. E. Heald,	47 50
	\$158 15

Miscellaneous.

Northfield Press, quarantine signs,	\$1 75
F. W. Wilbur, repairs on hearse,	15 00
Northfield Press, town reports, ballots, &c.,	76 00
Northfield Water Co.,	38 00
Bureau of Statistics certificate,	3 00
Northfield Press, Dr. Wood's report,	15 70
Miss E. J. Thayer, water W. Northfield,	5 00
Northfield Water Co.,	35 00
J. T. Cummings, painting town clock,	25 00
G. N. Kidder, fumigating,	18 50
G. N. Kidder, team on hearse,	65 00
Oren Darling, cesspool,	9 91
L. C. Miller, sundry labor,	7 00
G. N. Kidder, team on hearse,	17 50
H. H. Mason, care town clock,	25 00
	\$357 36
	\$3,962 12

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Fuel,	\$28 25
Groceries and provisions,	145 59
Medical aid and medicines,	413 55
Board and care,	767 47
Transportation,	40 24
Miscellaneous,	22 53
	\$1,417 63

CARE OF TREES.

T. Hart, labor,	\$84 48
I. Alexander,	15 00
C. E. Janes,	4 00
A. H. Holton,	3 00
R. Brigham,	2 00
C. E. Lamson,	8 00
Fred Janes,	15 00
H. Desollette,	5 00
F. L. Proctor, teams,	7 50
C. E. Williams, tools,	3 75
N. W. Keet, repairing tools,	1 50
Barnett Bros., trees,	11 00
C. E. Williams,	1 22
Northfield Press, printing notices,	50
T. Hart, trees,	5 76
Robbins & Evans,	1 45
Faustine A. Bigelow,	9 00
Wm. E. Bigelow,	9 00
T. Hart,	11 25
Appropriation, \$200.00.	\$198 41

MRS. A. M. D. ALEXANDER ESTATE.

April 1, 1912, to February 1, 1913.

Paid Mason & Hamlin, on account piano,	\$150 00
Northfield Water Co.,	20 00
G. N. Kidder for chairs and kitchen furnishings,	65 80
H. H. Chamberlin, materials and labor,	10 50
A. S. Merrill, repairing secretary,	10 00
Incidentals and postage,	9 60
	\$265 90
Rents received,	251 18
Rents due, \$27.00.	
<i>Since paid.</i>	

N. P. Wood for self & Co., trustees.

Examined and found to compare with vouchers.

BENJ. F. FIELD,

Town Accountant.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS FOR 1912.

We submit our report for the past year for consideration. The cemeteries have had the usual care as in the past, and we would recommend that the same amount (\$150) be raised and appropriated for the care of the cemeteries for the coming year.

Paid for the care of cemeteries as follows:

Appropriation,		\$150 00
Central cemetery,	\$98 00	
Mt. Hermon cemetery,	3 00	
West Northfield cemetery,	14 00	
Northfield Farms cemetery,		
Mountain cemetery,	32 90	
		147 90
Balance,		\$2 10

Paid for care of private lots:

Northfield Farms,	\$20 00	
Central cemetery,		95 87
		\$115 87

Received for sale of lots:

West Northfield,		\$24 00
Central,		49 00
		\$73 00

F. A. HILLIARD,	} Commissioners.
C. I. HOLTON,	
G. N. KIDDER,	

LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

Books and Periodicals.

Baker, Taylor Co.,	\$122 08
A. E. Wright,	49 35
Greenfield Recorder,	1 50
H. W. Wilson Co.,	4 00
Northfield Press,	1 00
H. R. Hunting Co.,	42 50

	\$220 43
Northfield Press, printing,	\$ 50
N. E. Library Bindery,	21 75
Mrs. C. E. Randall, librarian,	150 00
C. E. Randall, janitor,	150 00
C. E. Randall, extra labor,	7 00
A. H. Holton, labor,	6 75
C. E. Williams, gas,	8 40
Greenfield Electric,	9 07
Jas. Wall, wood,	29 00
T. Quinlan, wood,	6 00
G. O. Dunnell, coal,	45 56
C. A. Randall, sawing wood,	2 00
J. C. Newton, sawing wood,	2 00
Greenfield Electric, wiring and fixtures,	219 23
H. M. Bristol, steam heating plant,	677 80
Farms Library,	15 00

\$1,570 49

Received interest.

Balance 1911,	\$332 73
Balance 1912,	632 50
Appropriation,	715 00
Balance to new account,	\$109 74

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of Dickinson Memorial Library have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending February 3, 1913:

In accordance with an appropriation made at the March meeting, 1912, a steam heating plant has been installed which adequately heats the whole library building. The plant was installed by Mr. H. M. Bristol in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. Mr. Bristol's bid was \$22.20 lower than any other competitor. The electric lights and steam heat have added much to the good cheer and usefulness of the library. Because of the steam plant, it will cost more for fuel inasmuch as the fire will be kept burning all the time in cold weather. The old furnaces were sold for \$50.00. This money has been used for erecting a coal bin, cementing the floor under the old furnaces, bricking up holes in walls where hot air pipes were removed, and doing some necessary carpenter work as follows:

1912		
Sept. 7	C. E. Williams,	\$ 15
Nov. 15	H. H. Chamberlain,	19 65
Nov. 15	E. C. Gerrish,	8 93
Dec. 2	Evans Bros.,	13 50
	Frame for boiler certificate,	35
	Brick,	1 25
	Boiler inspection,	2 00
	Electric light bill, January,	99
Total,		\$46 82

Rev. Arthur E. Wilson resigned from the Board of Trustees last November because of his removal from town. By his resignation the Board loses an interested and valuable member. His term of service would not expire until 1914.

The few relics presented the past year are especially valuable. The army equipments given by Mr. Spofford are relics of both the Revolutionary and Civil war and the papers from Owen R. Washburn are intimately connected with the early history of Northfield, Warwick, Greenfield and Vernon.

Your Trustees ask for an appropriation for the year ensuing of \$315.00.

Appended is the report of the Librarian.

NORMAN P. WOOD,	} Library Trustees.
ELLIOT W. BROWN,	
S. CATHERINE RICHARDSON,	
N. FAY SMITH,	
ROSCOE H. PHILBRICK,	

Books Given.

Mr. Francis Blake,	1
Miss Anna Robinson,	1
A. R. Graves,	1
J. T. Sunderland,	1
U. S. and State,	22

Relics.

George Spofford: 2 guns, 2 rifles, 2 cap boxes, 2 swords, also collection almanacs, papers and pamphlets.

Mrs. Sarah Holton Ballou: Gun.

Owen R. Washburn: Valuable papers.

Dr. N. P. Wood: Letter with autograph, Mary A. Livermore.

Mrs. N. M. Wood: Two pieces historic wood.

Mrs. N. M. Wood: Miniature urn from the casket of Henry Clay.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 3, 1913.

Volumes in library last report,	7,466
Purchased past year,	120
Given past year,	26
Total in library,	7,612
Number of families patrons of library,	263
Individual patrons,	60
Number of books taken by families,	13,004
Number of books taken by public schools,	255
Number of books taken by visitors,	310
Magazines circulated,	1,800
Total circulation,	15,369

Balance on hand last report,	\$15 09
Received for lighting hall,	3 00
Received from patron out of town,	1 00
Gift from visitor,	2 00
Received from A. E. Wilson for books,	7 20
Received for book lost,	75
Fines collected,	14 80

Paid electric light bill, nine months,	19 75
Express and cartage,	7 05
Printing and labels,	6 13
Incidental expenses,	10 18
Balance,	73

Publications subscribed for in reading room,	28
Publications given,	11
Number of readers using room,	2,550

DISTRIBUTION OF ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Mrs. B. F. Streeter,	\$ 5 00
Mrs. Edwin O'Keefe,	10 00
Mrs. Martha Holton,	5 00
Mrs. Thomas Hart,	5 00
Misses Emma and Hattie Hilliard,	5 00
Mrs. Jennie Davis,	10 00
Mrs. John Pratt,	5 24
	\$45 24

ASSESSORS' TABULATED REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1912.

Value of assessed real estate,	\$1,221,985
Value of assessed personal estate,	215,737
Total,	\$1,437,722
Number of polls assessed,	447
Number of polls exempt,	12
Number of horses assessed,	406
Number of colts assessed,	4
Number of mules assessed,	3
Number of cows assessed,	627
Number of neat cattle other than cows,	217
Number of sheep assessed,	64
Number of swine assessed,	119
Number of dwellings assessed,	558
Number of acres of land assessed,	19,601

Appropriations.

Memorial Day,	\$ 75 00
Cemeteries,	150 00
Schoolhouse No. 4,	300 00
Town Hall debt,	600 00
Bennett's Meadow bridge debt,	1,875 00
Schoolhouse No. 2, debt,	432 00
Sidewalk debt,	416 00
High School debt,	1,855 00
Schools in general,	6,900 00
Contingent and Poor,	4,500 00
Highways,	3,000 00
Library,	715 00
Tree warden,	200 00

School physician,	50 00	
Street lighting,	1,300 00	
Sprinkling streets,	200 00	
Special road repairs,	500 00	
Painting cemetery fence,	200 00	
Purchasing gravel bank,	150 00	
Union Hall, repairs,	150 00	
Planking Schell bridge,	600 00	
		\$24,168 00
County tax,	\$2,497 13	
State tax,	2,250 00	
State highway tax,	58 00	
State Bureau of Statistics,	1,864 43	
Overlay,	512 14	
		\$31,349 70
Raised on polls,	\$ 870 00	
Raised on real estate,	25,906 08	
Raised on personal estate,	4,573 62	
		\$31,349 70

SAMUEL C. HOLTON,

Assessor of Northfield.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Northfield in Account with W. J. Wright,
Treasurer.

	Cr.
By balance from previous year's account,	\$6,859 59
By cash assignees A. W. Proctor, 26% dividend,	1,755 01
By cash Nellie M. Wood, tuition,	10 00
By cash Wm. A. Priest, account water pipe,	17 50
By cash Chas. H. Webster, account G. N. Kidder, sidewalk,	15 35
By cash F. L. Proctor and Lelia M. Allen, three months' note,	2,970 03
By cash town of Gill, account balance ferry account,	7 67
By cash Ct. Vt. R. R. account electric light at station,	6 00
By cash Chas. H. Webster, account Wm. D. Alexander, sidewalk,	77 50
By cash town of Easthampton, account A. B. Blanchard,	505 82
By cash Greenfield Savings Bank, account tem- porary loan (settled),	8,000 00
By cash Samuel E. Holton, account grass on Field lot,	10 00
By cash E. S. Kenrick, account pool table license,	2 00
By cash Jas. T. Cummings, account auctioneer's license (2),	4 00
By cash town of Easthampton, account A. P. Blanchard,	23 48
By cash Chas. A. Parker, account error,	4 17
By cash R. G. Sauter, account pool table license,	2 00
By cash State Treasurer, account inspection of animals,	23 75

By cash Frank W. Kellogg, account peddler's license,	7 00
By cash Frank W. Kellogg, account peddler's license,	6 00
By cash town of Gill account tuition,	90 00
By cash Belcher fund, interest account, Centre cemetery,	60 00
By cash Belcher fund, interest account, Centre school,	60 00
By cash Belcher fund, interest account, Dickin- son Memorial Library,	632 50
By cash Wm. R. Moody, account fumigating,	5 00
By cash L. R. Smith, account Field lot grass,	12 00
By cash State Treasurer, accounts:	
Corporation tax,	\$675 08
Corporation tax,	119 56
National Bank,	153 14
State aid,	476 00
Burial soldiers,	111 00
High School tuition,	500 00
	2,034 78
By cash State Treasurer, account state highway loan fund,	3,508 50
By cash State Treasurer, account state highway loan fund,	5,812 75
By cash Chas. E. Williams, account error,	9 74
By cash E. A. Newcomb, county treasurer, account dog fund returned,	196 68
By cash F. W. Kellogg, account gravel,	1 30
By cash State Treasurer, account Mass. school fund,	792 04
By cash Whithed & Simonds, account income cemetery fund,	3 00
By cash L. R. Smith, account Supt. of schools,	583 32

By cash Chas. S. Warner, account electric lights,	58 65
By cash E. F. Howard, account tuition,	80 40
By cash Wm. S. Allen, account Dist. court fines,	15 98
By cash Osgood L. Leach, account estate A. Clous,	163 40
By cash Osgood L. Trade, account Farms Hall rent,	18 00
By cash Benj. F. Field, account Town Hall rent,	96 00
By cash Dr. Norman P. Wood, account A. M. D. Alexander estate, rent,	21 85
By cash William W. Coe, account tuition,	267 46
By cash M. T. Moore, account 1910 tax,	200 00
By cash M. T. Moore, account 1911 tax,	2,875 00
By cash M. T. Moore, account 1912 tax,	25,000 00
	\$63,905 22
	Dr.
To paid treasury warrants,	\$59,072 10
To cash balance on hand,	4,833 12
	\$63,905 22

WARREN J. WRIGHT,

Treasurer.

Northfield, Feb. 5th, 1913.

RECAPITULATION.

	Dr.
Balance cash, Feb. 1, 1912,	\$6,859 59
Defalcation account,	4,725 04
Taxes 1910, account closed,	200 00
Taxes, 1911,	3,875 00
Taxes, 1912,	25,000 00
Town Hall rents,	96 00
Farms Hall rents,	18 00
School account,	2,576 58
Sidewalk assessments,	92 85
Alexander estate,	21 85
Munn's ferry balance,	7 67
Street lights,	52 92
Poor,	821 70
Temporary loan,	8,000 00
Inspection animals,	23 75
Interest cemetery account,	60 00
Interest library account,	632 50
Return state tax,	947 78
State aid,	476 00
From state highway fund,	9,321 25
Sundries,	96 74
	\$63,905 22

RECAPITULATION.

CR.

Temporary loan 1911,	\$6,000 00
Temporary loan 1912,	8,000 00
Bonded debt,	4,600 00
Interest,	2,426 34
Schoolhouse No. 4,	66 39
Unpaid orders,	2 50
Highways,	2,278 06
Upper Farms road,	487 50
Munn's ferry,	168 80
Schell bridge, planking,	539 40
Schools,	8,471 10
Poor,	1,417 63
Library,	1,570 49
Street lighting,	1,214 50
Tree warden,	198 41
Cemeteries,	263 77
Cemetery fence,	179 20
Union Hall, fire escape,	88 32
Street sprinkling,	200 00
Memorial Day,	75 00
State aid,	368 00
State tax,	4,182 06
County tax,	2,497 13
Azuba Farm,	150 00
Slate road,	247 50
Highway fund,	9,321 25
Alexander estate,	96 63
Contingent,	3,962 12
Treasury warrants,	\$59,072 10
Balance cash Feb. 1, 1913,	4,833 12
	\$63,905 22

BENJ. F. FIELD, Town Accountant,

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Liabilities.

O. L. Leach, selectman,	\$ 90 50
F. W. Kellogg, selectman,	100 00
C. A. Parker, selectman,	48 75
B. F. Field, accountant,	313 89
M. T. Moore, collector,	100 00
	\$653 14

Bonded Debt.

Bennett's Meadow bridge,	\$24,000 00
High School building,	18,000 00
Refunding loan,	3,600 00
Town Hall,	600 00
E. Northfield school,	400 00
	\$46,600 00

Assets.

Due from collector 1911,	\$ 476 93
Due from collector 1912,	5,236 77
Cash in hands treasurer,	4,833 12
	\$10,546 82

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Northfield:

Your school committee respectfully request a careful perusal of the following pages which show concisely, yet with sufficient detail, the work which is being accomplished in our public schools. We would call especial attention to the financial statements which indicate the source of supply and how the supply has been used to meet the demand. We should like the people to note that transportation and other expenses are increasing, that several of our school rooms are overcrowded, and that there is an opportunity to add one or more additional studies to the High School course.

We believe that in order to meet the responsibility that rests upon us an appropriation from the town funds of \$7,200 should be made. This added to the \$2,800 which we look for from other sources will be about sufficient to meet our needs. The following schedule is the basis of this statement:

Appropriation Needed.

For teachers,	\$5,774 00
For transportation,	1,200 00
For fuel,	700 00
For books and supplies,	600 00
For janitor,	550 00
For superintendent,	720 00
For repairs,	300 00
For miscellaneous,	150 00
Total amount needed,	\$9,994 00

It may be reasonably expected that there will be the following items of income from other sources:

State school fund,	\$800 00
Dog fund,	200 00
On account of superintendent,	500 00
For High School,	500 00
Belcher fund,	100 00
Tuition,	500 00
U. S. Deposit fund,	100 00
Alexander fund,	100 00
	\$2,800 00
Appropriation needed,	7,194 00
	\$9,994 00

(Signed) LEONARD R. SMITH,
 WILLIAM W. COE,
 LEON R. ALEXANDER,
 Committee.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Spring term commences March 24, and closes June 18.
 High School closes June 24.

Fall term commences September 2, and closes December 12. High School closes December 18.

Winter term commences January 5, 1914, and closes February 27. High School closes March 16, 1914.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee and to the Citizens of Northfield:

I have the honor to submit the following report:

The statistics following are based upon a school year ending June 30, 1912, and are in accordance with the requirements of the law and of the State Board of Education.

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, 10.

Number of Persons in Town.

Between five and fifteen,	260
Boys,	124
Girls,	136
Between seven and fourteen,	205
Boys,	99
Girls,	106

Enrolment in all the Public Schools.

Total enrolment,	323
Number under five,	3
Number over fifteen,	42
Number between seven and fourteen,	215

Membership and Attendance.

Average membership,	274.69
Average attendance,	255.5
Per cent. of attendance,	92.15
Number completing Grammar School course,	29
Boys,	10
Girls,	19

Teachers.

Number of teachers required,	12
Men,	1
Women,	11
Number graduated from college,	2
Men,	1
Women,	1
Number graduated from Normal schools,	3

Length of Schooling.

Aggregate number of months,	90—10d.
Average number of months,	9— 1d.

High School.

Number of High schools,	1
Length of High school year in months and days,	9—15d.
Number of teachers,	3
Number of special teachers,	2
Number of pupils,	57
Boys,	24
Girls,	33
Average membership,	51.5
Number entering first year of the High school,	28
Boys,	16
Girls,	12
Number of graduates,	7
Boys,	1
Girls,	6

STATISTICS BY SCHOOLS.

	Total enrolment	Under 5 years	Over 15 years	Between 7 and 14 years	Average membership	Average attendance	Per cent of attendance	Completed Grammar School course
High School,	57	0	35	9	51.5	48.5	94	0
Grammar School,	32	0	4	30	31.3	30.4	93.3	18
Intermediate School,	37	0	2	31	30.4	29	94	0
Primary School,	32	1	0	18	27.6	25.6	92.6	0
E. N'field Grammar,	38	0	0	36	35.9	33.2	93.2	11
E. No'field Primary,	42	0	0	31	26.6	24.3	91.3	0
W. No'field School,	36	0	0	25	26	22.9	87.8	0
No. 3 School,	22	0	0	18	22	20.1	91.6	0
Northfield Farms,	15	0	1	11	14.3	13.03	90.7	0
No. 6 School,	12	2	0	6	9.09	8.12	8.9	0
Total,	323	3	42	215	274.7	255.2	92.2	29

The following teachers are at present engaged as indicated in the schools of Northfield:

Principal of the High School,

MR. CHARLES E. HICKS, A. B., Bates College.

Assistant in the High School,

MISS JULIA HERSBERGER, B. S., Syracuse University.

Assistant in the High School,

MISS ETHEL C. NEWCOMB, A. B., Mt. Holyoke College.

Northfield Grammar School,

MISS SUE A. THOMPSON, Kent's Hill, Maine.

Northfield Intermediate School,

MISS GINCIE F. GOULD, Albany Normal College.

Northfield Primary School,

MISS RUTH D. SHELDON, North Adams Normal School.

E. Northfield Grammar School,

MISS VIOLA E. HAVEN, Athol High School.

E. Northfield Primary School,

MISS LOTTIE E. EVANS, Northfield Seminary.

West Northfield School,

MISS BERNICE M. DAVIS, North Adams Normal School.

Number 3 School,

MISS RENA A. DECATUR, Salem Normal School.

Northfield Farms School,

MISS HELENA M. DICKINSON, Salem Normal School.

Number 6 School,

MISS MARY DALTON, Northfield Seminary.

Supervisor of Drawing,

MISS D. MAUD BELLIS, Massachusetts Normal Art School.

Supervisor of Singing,

MRS. MYRTLE ASH, Weaver School of Methods.

Teachers' Salaries.

The salaries at present fixed for the schools of this town are as follows: For the teachers of the High school, \$1,000, \$500 and \$400, respectively. For Northfield Grammar school, \$500; for Northfield Intermediate school, \$12 per week. For East Northfield Grammar school, \$12.50 per week; for East Northfield Primary school, \$11 per week. For West Northfield Number 3 school, Northfield Primary school, Northfield Farms school, \$10 per week; and for Number 6 school, \$8 per week.

The two supervisors are paid \$5.00 each per day of service, they paying for their transportation.

Transportation.

There are three principal routes of transportation, as follows: From Number 3, for which the town pays \$10.00 per week; from Number 9, \$6.25 per week, and from West Northfield \$9.00 per week. In addition to these, there are three minor routes: From Northfield Farms by railroad for which the town pays one-half the fare; from Number 5,

for which the town pays an allowance per pupil for self transportation; and from H. C. Holton's, for which the town pays an allowance for self transportation.

The transportation service, in general, has been very satisfactory during the year, though it has not been possible to satisfy every applicant for service, nor to gratify the desire of every transporter for remuneration.

In granting this service to the pupils of Northfield, no distinction has been made between High school pupils and those of lower grades. The expense of this service increases slowly year by year, and it seems likely to be more next year than it has been this year.

Expense of the Schools.

The financial report presented by the School Committee is incomplete because it was impossible to adjust their pay-rolls to the funds in the treasury available for schools and also to the meetings of the Selectmen and Town Accountant.

The following statement taken from the report of the School Committee to the State Board of Education is a better exhibit of the school expenditures for one year than the financial statement for the fiscal year closing Feb. 1, 1913, appended to the report of the School Committee.

From July 1, 1911, to June 30, 1912:

Expenditures.

School committee,	\$ 21 31
Superintendent,	720 00
Principal,	1,000 00
Teachers,	4,625 50

Text-books,	251 10
Stationery and supplies,	264 06
Janitor,	607 33
Fuel,	765 37
Repairs,	136 94
School physician,	77 00
Transportation,	877 34
Miscellaneous,	126 32
	\$9,472 27

The above is based upon upon a financial year called the "school-fiscal year," extending from July 1, 1911, to June 30, 1912.

The resources to pay the expense indicated were as follows:

Income of State School fund, Jan. 25, 1912,	\$907 10
Income on account of superintendent of schools,	500 00
High school grant,	500 00
Tuition paid,	459 50
Income from Belcher fund,	100 40
Dog fund,	181 00
Town tax,	6,824 27
	\$9,472 27

The sum of the "town tax" and the dog fund is \$7,005.27 and is the amount used to determine Northfield's share of the income of the State school fund. Last year this amount was \$907.10, but this year it is only \$792.04, a loss of more than \$100.

Northfield receives \$150 from this fund, and an additional amount determined by the ratio of the amount raised by taxation for schools and the total town tax for the year.

The total town tax for April 1, 1912, was	\$31,349 00
Raised for schools,	7,005 27

The amount raised for schools is less than one-fourth of the total town tax, and Northfield has therefore an addition to the \$150 in proportion to one-fifth—the addition in the one-fifth class this year was \$642.04. This added to \$150 gives Northfield's share, \$792.04. This town was in the one-fourth class last year, receiving \$907.10.

The High School.

When the new High school building was erected it was anticipated that sometime there might be one hundred pupils there, and seating was provided for seventy. During the present school year the number of pupils enrolled has exceeded the number of seats, though not more than seventy have been members at one time. The prospect of a large entering class next fall is excellent, and it seems not improbable that the time is near when additional seats will be required. There are three teachers giving their entire time to this school and they are winning the approval of the people for the school if we can judge by the attendance and the interest of the pupils in their work.

A membership of seventy pupils in the High school, with a total membership of about 325 in the entire town indicates an interest in secondary education seldom exhibited. When we consider that some of our young people of High school age are attending Northfield Seminary and Mt. Hermon, the case is even more striking. In the state about one-eighth

of all the pupils of the public schools are in the high schools; in this town at the present time the total membership of the High school is more than one-fifth of the total membership of the public schools.

The High School Course of Study.

The State Board of Education has recently outlined a new course of study for small high schools partially supported by the state. This course will differ considerably from the one now in use. It will have in view good general education, preparation for college and certain branches of industrialism or practical arts. It is expected that this course of study will be established in the Northfield High school next September.

I commend the report of Principal Charles E. Hicks to your careful attention and bespeak for him your earnest co-operation in all his efforts for your High school.

Supervisors.

The policy of previous years with reference to supervisors of drawing and singing has been continued with justifiable results, both supervisors being capable, devoted and successful teachers. Their reports are incorporated into this report and are commended to your attention.

Conclusion.

It is the belief of your superintendent that the schools of Northfield are well disciplined, well taught and efficient. Two schools, the East Northfield Grammar school and the West Northfield rural school, are improperly crowded. No teacher can do her best work with thirty pupils in a rural

school of seven grades, nor is a four-grade school of forty pupils capable of the best results.

A rural school of from twelve to twenty pupils, with a capable teacher adapted to her environment, is the ideal country district school, but thirty pupils with all grades up to and including the seventh is exceedingly difficult. Likewise a four-grade school with forty or more pupils becomes unsatisfactory, while a similar one of from twenty to thirty pupils would be satisfactory. These two schools do not now offer to their patrons so good service as ought to be provided, though the fault is not with the teachers but with the conditions.

In order to change these conditions for the better considerable appropriations are necessary unless the school population decreases there in the near future.

In common with all other patrons of the schools of this state the people of Northfield having children in the public schools desire for them the best advantages possible, and surroundings that are safe, sanitary and uplifting. These the school officials are attempting to provide. The criticisms that come to them occasionally serve to indicate the sensitiveness of the parents to any apparent lack in the efficiency of the schools. These criticisms are interpreted to mean hearty support to the School Committee as they renew their efforts to make the schools of Northfield increasingly worthy of the confidence of her citizenship.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER F. HOWARD,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

To the Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Northfield:

Sir,—I wish to submit the following report as School Physician in Northfield for the current year.

The examination of pupils must necessarily be made during school hours and on those days when time can be spared from attendance on the sick and injured whose demands are urgent. Owing to unusual conditions of public health, I have not found opportunity as yet to complete the examination of Northfield's 325 pupils. Therefore this report is general and not statistical. Among those examined were many with decayed teeth, enlarged tonsils and adenoid growths and a few with signs of head vermin. The detrimental effects of decayed teeth upon bodily health have been ably set forth by my predecessor and it is to be hoped that parents will awake to the advisability of keeping the teeth of their children in a careful state of repair.

In this New England climate enlarged tonsils and adenoid growths are very prevalent and it is difficult to make parents understand why surgical interference with these conditions is advantageous or necessary for the child's welfare. If they realized how often arrested mental development, general physical debility and, especially, deafness are directly or indirectly dependent on diseased tonsils and adenoid growths there would be more heed given to the warning notices sent out by the school physician whose principal function is to call the attention of parents to conditions which would in the natural course of events be overlooked.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSCOE H. PHILBRICK.

Feb. 6, 1913.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

My first report as Principal of Northfield High school cannot be otherwise than optimistic. Never have I worked under more favorable auspices. The beauty of the building and grounds, the neatness of the rooms, and the friendly attitude of the students have contributed much to the success of the year.

Our present enrollment is sixty-eight, three of this number being special students. The total enrollment for the year is seventy-five. The attendance is good. By means of attendance cards, I have been able to learn the reason for nearly every instance of tardiness or absence. Many times these reasons need not have existed, had the right plans been made, but they have not occurred with such frequency as to affect materially the good standing of the school.

Unfortunately up to this time the teachers have been able to meet but few of the parents. But in many instances we have felt their silent influence at home reenforcing the work of the school room. I wonder if all parents realize that the success of the teacher's work with the student depends largely upon the home conditions and the co-operation of the parents. So when we have had extraordinary success with certain students we do not take all the glory to ourselves. Neither does the blame rest upon us for an occasional failure.

We believe that the social life of our students should be cultivated. The several receptions held in the Library Hall have been encouraged for this purpose and I am glad to say that with no exception we have been proud of our students—both individually and collectively.

Since religious teaching has no place in our public schools,



NORTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

all moral instruction has to be absorbed by contact with teachers and in the general course of intellectual instruction. The adoption of a regular form of devotional exercises has led to an increased interest and more reverent attention during the first fifteen minutes of our morning session.

In the fall, the students were organized into a High School Association, the purpose of which is to manage all social and athletic functions. The teachers constitute an advisory board and are thus able to oversee all affairs held under the auspices of the school. All the offices are held by students, who are thus enabled to cultivate executive ability.

A beginning in athletics was made this year when the Association sent a team of three to Worcester to compete in a cross country run with other high schools and academies in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Recently, through the kindness of the Selectmen, the town hall was put at our disposal for basket ball practice and there is much interest at the present time. Everything is favorable for a good baseball team in the spring. All these sports are managed by the Principal and I am glad to say that they are creating greater interest in the school. I have no boy who is in school merely for athletics. But I have many whose

school life is made more pleasant and whose scholarship is higher because of this deviation from the regular routine of study and recitation.

The last period of Friday afternoon is occasionally given up to a lecture by some one who can bring to the minds of the students some thought from the outside world. We have found these lectures very interesting and profitable.

In September, a business course for Juniors and Seniors was adopted. This consisted of Arithmetic and Book-keeping, each being given one-half year. The popularity of the course is made evident by the fact that my present class numbers twenty-eight, and contains representatives of every class in school.

We have some problems that are yet unsolved. One is that of home study. Of course the ideal school would have all studying done at school under the direction of the teacher of that particular subject. But with our present teaching force, the length of our present day, and the number of subjects in our present curriculum, an ideal school is impossible. Under our present system home study is absolutely necessary if the student is to stand shoulder to shoulder with those of his grade in other schools. If you will investigate, then, the circumstances attending students who are not spending one or more hours of concentrated mental effort out of school upon some branch of school work, you will find some trouble with his subjects, his teachers, or himself. I feel so sure of this that I should be glad to take the matter up with any student or parent.

We are greatly hampered by lack of a study room. A dozen times a day the request comes for a student to go into another room to study. It is impossible, as yet, to take a recitation into another room, leaving the study room to students alone. And we have no extra teacher to take the room. So we are doing the best we can and a large per cent of our study time

in school is wasted because the student is listening to the recitation, or is unable to concentrate his mind. We need one study room properly supervised, every period in the day. Not until then shall we spend our time in school to the best advantage.

In a school of this size, the Principal cannot teach every period in the day and do justice to everything that should receive his attention. Now he rushes from one thing to another and when a question comes up for solution, or extra work to be done, he has to put it off until a "more convenient season." The result is that much is left undone, and much that ought to have careful consideration slips entirely out of mind. When the right readjustment comes, he will have time for more of the duties of his principalship.

The entrance of several students late in the course is, it seems to me, an evidence that Northfield High School has a place in the community. These students are here for a purpose and it should be our aim to give them something inviting and something worth while. Here, again, is an instance where the Principal should have time to conduct a special course to fit individual needs. Had I the time this year I could introduce at least two courses that are requested and that would be profitable.

The year now passing is, as far as I know, the equal of any in the history of Northfield High School, as regards numbers, interest, and scholarship. The future looks promising. The school board is backing us. The Superintendent is working with us. The teachers are all working hard. The students are interested and are enjoying their work. I know of no reason why even greater things cannot be accomplished next year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. HICKS, Principal.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

Mr. Elmer F. Howard, Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Sir:—A course in drawing from an outline adapted to local conditions and environment,—and consisting of work from still life objects, intended to promote observation of form and color; work in design, calculated to develop taste and originality; work in illustration, used in connection with other school subjects; and also, mechanical drawing,—is given a place as part of the school program in all the grades.

In the primary and grammar grades one and one-half hours per week are given to this subject, the time being divided into two forty-five minute periods, one of which, every other week, includes the supervisor's visit.

In the High school the work is elective, four visits each month being divided between the freehand and mechanical classes. Hopes for more time and compulsory work on the subject are entertained, as it would be beneficial, especially to those who will study scientific branches in a further school course.

Appreciation is due to the teachers of Grades I. to VIII., who share the work of finding or making models for the children, and who find, among their other interests, an interest in paper cutting or perspective.

D. MAUD BELLIS,

Supervisor of Drawing.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Resources.

Appropriation,	\$6,900 00
Tuition received,	447 86
Belcher fund,	60 00
Dog fund,	196 68
State for High School,	500 00
State on acct. Superintendent,	580 00
State school fund,	792 04
	\$9,476 58

Expenditures.

Teachers' salaries,	\$4,785 00
Superintendent's salary,	600 00
Janitors,	454 50
Transportation,	811 34
Books and supplies,	300 00
Fuel,	1,197 43
Miscellaneous,	137 02
Repairs,	185 81
	\$8,471 10
Unexpended resources,	\$1,005 48
	\$9,476 58

The above indicates an unexpended balance of \$1005.48. In reality this money has been expended but it could not be reported as expended because when the town books were closed the warrents had not been drawn by the Town Accountant. These amounts will appear in the report for next year.

Teachers' Salaries

Edward M. Tucker,	\$ 500 00
Pauline Sikes,	250 00
Ethel E. Sandell,	200 00
Sue A. Thompson,	450 00
Gincie F. Gould,	339 50
Gerda L. Huntoon,	204 00
Viola E. Haven,	362 50
Lottie E. Evans,	319 00
Fannie E. Kendrick,	170 00
Rena A. Decatur,	320 00
Helena M. Dickinson,	320 00
Sarah L. Dorsey,	28 00
A. A. Cain,	52 00
D. Maud Bellis,	60 00
Annie A. Davis,	95 00
Myrtle Ash,	55 00
Alice Rounds,	70 00
F. W. French,	24 00
Charles E. Hicks,	300 00
Julia Hershberger,	150 00
Ethel C. Newcomb,	120 00
Ruth D. Sheldon,	150 00
Bernice M. Davis,	150 00
Mary Dalton,	96 00
	\$4,785 00

Superintendent of Schools.

Elmer F. Howard,	\$600 00
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Janitors and Care.

Frank Perould, Center,	\$345 00
E. Newton Howard, East,	46 50
Fannie E. Kendrick, West,	10 50
Bernice M. Davis, West,	5 50
Rena A. Decatur, No. 3,	10 50
Albert J. Anderson, No. 3,	5 50
Ed. Stratton, Farms,	10 50
Helena M. Dickinson, Farms,	5 50
Alice Rounds, No. 6,	5 00
G. W. Piper, No. 6,	3 00
Sarah L. Dorsey, No. 6,	4 00
G. H. Lyman, No. 3,	3 00
	\$454 50

Transportation.

G. H. Lyman,	\$320 00
Henry Carey,	106 25
Joseph Bassett,	191 34
C. I. Holton,	53 50
D. H. Sprague,	34 00
E. E. Aldrich,	2 00
Gincie F. Gould,	10 50
Ernest Billings,	93 75
	\$811 34

School Books and Supplies.

E. E. Babb & Co.,	\$138 32
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.,	50 27
Charles E. Mather,	10 50
Ginn & Co.,	15 60
C. E. Williams,	17 73
A. S. Barnes & Co.,	2 42
Northfield Press,	7 25
C. I. Holton,	50
J. L. Hammett Co.,	5 86
The Book Store,	4 00
Alvin George,	12 70
Lewis Fowler,	13 00
Evans Bros.,	8 20
G. N. Kidder & Co.,	13 65
	\$300 00

Fuel.

G. O. Dunnell, coal,	\$ 822 65
Mrs. J. E. Merriman, No. 3 and Farms,	45 00
F. A. Adams, coal,	147 72
C. I. Holton, wood,	27 50
Harold Clough, labor,	2 00
A. J. Hicks, carting coal,	19 50
C. A. Parker, sawing wood,	6 75
Thomas Quinlin, wood,	105 75
G. W. Piper, wood for No. 6,	12 50
Frank Perould, labor,	8 06
	\$1,197 43

Miscellaneous.

D. L. Proctor, express, freight and cartage,	\$ 15 35
E. F. Howard, expense of travel, etc.,	16 92
*E. F. Howard, to be used for small bills,	50 00
Northfield Press, printing,	14 75
Rev. C. L. Merriam,	15 00
Greenfield E. L. & P. Co., lighting High School Building,	4 00
Nellie M. Wood, taking census Sept. 1911, and services as secretary,	21 00
	\$137 02

*To relieve Town Treasurer from small checks.

Repairs.

J. W. Barber, labor,	\$ 2 35
Brian Heater Co., grates,	7 00
C. L. Johnson, labor and material,	18 93
J. R. Colton, labor,	99 79
E. E. Aldrich, slate,	4 73
Evans Bros., lumber,	5 21
C. V. R. R., freight on seats,	8 80
George H. Hall, slate,	32 50
C. I. Holton, repairs at West,	6 50
	\$185 81

CORRECTION.—

Since the list of trust funds on the opposite page was printed the figures [Belcher and Alexander items] of \$1368.42 in both instances have been corrected to \$13485.55.

TRUST FUNDS BELONGING TO THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

Belcher fund, interest of same to be used for the poor women of Northfield, \$13648.42

Trustees, O. L. Leach, A. G. Moody

Martha Alexander fund, interest to be used for the worthy poor of Northfield. \$8490.71

Trustees, C. C. Stearns, F. H. Montague, C. L. Robbins

Belcher fund, interest to be used for Dickinson Memorial Library \$13648.42

Belcher cemetery fund, interest to be used in care of Center Cemetery \$2000.00

Belcher School fund, interest to be used for Center Schools. \$2000.00

Elisha Alexander fund, interest to be used for worthy poor of Northfield \$1120.13

Surplus revenue, interest to be used for schools

\$1600.00

A. M. D. Alexander fund, interest to be used for care of Memorial Hall \$872.09

The following sums have been left, the interest to be used in caring for individual lots in cemeteries:

Flora E. Lane, \$75.00

Lucretia Holton, \$64.77

Chas. Alexander, \$200.00

James White, \$100.00

A. M. D. Alexander \$300.00

Miss Gaeng \$100.00

Adeline W. Moody \$100.00

E and E Stratton \$100.00

A. and A. Sawyer \$100.00

Wm. H. Stratton \$100.00

Samuel A. Holton \$200.00

J. L. Mattoon \$100.00

James Pickard \$100.00

Levi Fay \$150.00

Sarah E. Minot \$150.00

Lois Stratton \$105.59

Where trustees are not mentioned interest is drawn by order of town treasurer or the Selectmen.

